GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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COMMITTEE ON ROAD SAFETY
Meghwal Shri Kailash

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expert committee on creation of a body for road safety and traffic management set up in November 2005 has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per directions of the Committee on Infrastructure chaired by the Prime Minister, a Committee was setup to deliberate and recommend creation of a dedicated body on Road Safety and Traffic Management under the Chairmanship of Shri S. Sundar, Sr. Fellow, The Energy Research Institute. The Committee has submitted its report on 20-2-2007. The main recommendations of the Committee include:-

? Creation of an apex body i.e., National Road Safety & Traffic Management Board at National level to promote road safety and improve traffic management in India with members/experts from the field of Road Engineering, Automobile Engineering, Traffic Laws, Medical care etc. through an Act of Parliament. The funding of this Board would also be governed by the Act.

? The proposed Board would have regulatory as well as advisory functions.

? The Board would set standards, designs for mechanically propelled vehicles and also set safety standards in consultation with Indian Road Congress for the design, construction and operation of the National Highways including road infrastructure and furniture as their regulatory functions.

? In its advisory role, the Board would advise Government or various road safety aspects.

? Creation of similar State level bodies.

? The Committee inter-alia recommended apportionment of minimum 1% of total proceeds of cess on diesel and petrol to be available for National Road Safety Fund.

(c) As per procedure, before acceptance of the recommendation consultation with various Ministries /Departments/State Governments is pre-requisite. This Ministry has drawn up action plan in this regard.